

"SO MOTE IT BE!"

Chicago Bound to Be the Metropolis of the Country.

The Grand Temple to Be Erected by the Masonic Fraternity—A Shakespeare Memorial Theater in the Garden City.

(Special Chicago Correspondence.)

One of the most unique and grandest buildings in the world will be the new Masonic Temple at Chicago, the cornerstone of which was laid with appropriate ceremonies a short time ago. The property on which the building is being erected has a frontage on State street of 170 feet and on Randolph street of 114 feet, and cost the stupendous sum of \$1,000,000. The building will be eighteen stories in height and its cost is estimated at \$2,000,000. It will be higher than the Auditorium, and only one-fifth smaller in ground space than that famous structure. The contract calls, of course, for a perfectly fire-proof edifice, and there can be no doubt that the latest architectural discoveries and inventions will be utilized by the contractors in every department of the work of construction.

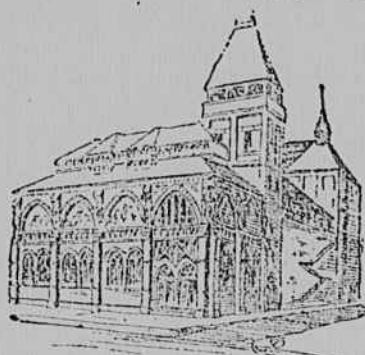
According to the architects' specifications the basement of the building will contain the finest restaurant in the United States, finished in marble, alabaster, onyx and mosaic designs. The ceiling will be of the finest plastic work throughout. There will be no outside entrance to the restaurant, but one from the main rotunda which runs from the basement to the roof and the dimensions of which are forty-five by ninety feet. All the stores on the main floor will also have entrances from the main rotunda, but the principal entrance to the building will be through an archway opening on State street, forty-two feet high and twenty-eight feet wide. The main rotunda from which run two large flights of stairs to the restaurant will occupy about thirty-seven hundred square feet. On this floor there will be numerous apartments, waiting-rooms for ladies, lavatories and toilet rooms. The rotunda will be decorated with flowers, foliage, plants, sofas, and other conveniences calculated to please the frequenters of the building. The court will be supplied with fourteen elevators in a semi-circle facing the entrance on State street. They will be eight-foot cars, and will have facilities for carrying thirty-five thousand people per day. They will make the round trip in three minutes, including a stop at every landing.

The committee in charge of the construction of the temple has concluded to give street names to the different floors, the nomenclature to be selected from a list of prominent Masons, so that instead of calling for the fifth floor, for instance, the visitor will inquire for Morris street. This arrangement will undoubtedly lead to great inconvenience, and it is the opinion of expert real-estate managers that it will have to be abandoned. A twelve-foot corridor will run on every "street" around the interior of the building, and as on the main floor, so on these "streets," stores and offices will be for rent. The seventeenth and eighteenth stories will be occupied by

novelties to reach these new-fangled shops without extra exertion.

Although the complete cost of the building and grounds will be over three million dollars, the investment will pay a fair rate of interest from the start, as rents in the vicinity where it is located are high and suitable store-rooms hard to secure. The ground is free from incumbrance and the bonded debt on the building bears a low rate of interest. The Masonic fraternity certainly has good grounds for feeling proud of its latest achievement, whose consummation is due to a band of devoted craftsmen, chief among them being Mr. Norman T. Gasette, a Mason of high standing and a real-estate man of wide experience.

Perhaps the most unique theatrical venture ever contemplated in the United States is the erection of a Shakespeare memorial theater in the Western metropolis. In the near future the First Regiment Illinois National Guards will vacate its old armory on Jackson street, between Wabash and Michigan avenues. The ground has already been leased for a long period at



THE PROPOSED SHAKESPEARE THEATER.

an annual rental of ten thousand dollars to a gentleman who is a great admirer of the King of Bards. The idea was outlined by its originator is to remodel the armory building into an exact counterpart of the famous memorial theater at Stratford-on-Avon, England.

To make the necessary changes in the armory will require an outlay of about \$150,000, and this sum can easily be raised by placing one-half of the amount in bonds secured on the leasehold and the building. One-third of the other half can be placed with the contractors, leaving the balance of \$30,000 to be raised by subscription. Mr. John Stapleton, one of the best-known theatrical men of the West, is of the opinion that the theater will be able to earn a fair rate of interest. He figures that the regular theatrical season of thirty-two weeks will produce \$224,000; the rental fees during the sixteen weeks of the summer season he estimates at \$32,000 and the income from the memorial hall at \$15,000. The expenses are rated at \$35,000, leaving a net profit of \$183,000.

There are enough Shakespeare enthusiasts in Chicago to raise the \$30,000 subscription and to make the theater at least self-supporting even if it does not pay dividends for a few years to come. The erection of such a structure would, moreover, add greatly to Chicago's reputation as an art and literary center and would bring thousands of cultured visitors to the city. To the unprejudiced observer it has for some time appeared plain that, whatever envious Eastern cities may say to the contrary, Chicago is rapidly becoming the center of American intellectual and artistic progress. The removal of Theodore Thomas to the World's Fair city, the growing importance of the Art Institute, the magnificent Auditorium, and nearly a score of theaters, all of which are doing a prosperous business, proves that the day for casting slurs on the people of the West is past.

The Woman's Temple, now in process of erection, and the Masonic Temple, a description of which appears with this article, show that the people of the country at large recognize Chicago as the hub of the Nation's civil life. National conventions which were once held here and there, Chicago now secures without any effort. The city has no longer to ask for favors which are hers by right of location, enterprise and artistic surroundings.

Artists of note seek a market for their gems among the people of the West, and as the nations of Eastern Europe and Asia congregate at Nijni-Novgorod to exchange the products of their looms, shops and fields, so the merchants of America distribute their wares through the exchanges and markets of Chicago. The West is the home of the consumers of American manufactures and of the producers of America's staple products, and whoever would be successful in business must seek an entrance to that coveted region by way of the unparalleled metropolis at the foot of Lake Michigan.

A Case of Friskiness.

The Dramatic News has received the 1890 prospectus of a manager in Missouri. The manager is certainly very frank in his statements regarding the house and the town, as a few extracts from the circular will show: "Ground floor—no gallery—same old place—no improvements in 1890. It will seat about 450 people—ordinary chairs. Stage well-fitted and roomy. Dressing-rooms about as good as ordinarily found in a town of 5,000. The undersigned has managed the house and played companies for about eight seasons, and thinks he knows what the people like. He knows a thing or two about the business, but doesn't think he knows it all. Is willing to learn, and usually 'saws wood' when the advance agent spreads himself."

Had the Proper Effect.

Policeman (to street corner loafer)—Do you play checkers?
Loafer—You bet I do.
Policeman—Well, it is your move.—Boston Herald.

Her Theory.

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RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and discounts.....\$340,752 67	Capital.....\$250,000 00
Stocks and bonds.....218,805 00	Undivided profits.....126,191 88
Real estate.....13,500 00	Deposits on certificate.....85,335 86
Furniture.....670 00	Check deposits.....163,431 06
Overdrafts.....3,912 55	Bills payable.....5,058 33
Due from banks.....56,380 99	Redeemable.....18,461 07
Cash.....26,956 99	Fourteenth semi-annual dividend.....12,500 00
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TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me as trustee by S. D. Ferguson, dated the 7th of December, 1888, and of record in the clerk's office of the Hustings Court of the city of Roanoke, Va., in deed book 18, p. 247, to secure to Herman Cruger and E. H. Stewart the payment of the sum of \$2,000, due and payable in two equal annual payments in one and two years after date, respectively, as evidenced by two negotiable notes drawn by the said S. D. Ferguson and payable to the said Herman Cruger and E. H. Stewart. Default having been made in the payment of the last of said notes, at the request of the said beneficiary, I shall sell to the highest bidder, by public auction, in front of the courthouse in Roanoke city, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1891, at 12 M., that certain lot of land lying in Roanoke, Va., bounded as follows, to-wit:

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

By virtue of a deed of trust executed to me as trustee by A. Z. Koerner and W. F. Baker, dated 17th day of November, 1888, and of record in the clerk's office of the Hustings Court for Roanoke City, Va., deed book 17 page 146, to secure to E. W. Sykes and Ellen Sykes the payment of the sum of \$3,333.32, as evidenced by two negotiable notes of \$1,666.66 each, due in one and two years from November 17th, 1888, with interest. Default having been made in the payment of the last of said notes, at the request of the said beneficiary, I shall sell to the highest bidder, by public auction, in front of the courthouse in Roanoke city, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1891, at 12 M., that certain lot of land lying in Roanoke, Va., bounded as follows, to-wit:

TERMS: Cash enough to pay off said note and interest, and the costs of executing this trust; the balance in one and two years, secured by a deed of trust.

JOHN E. PENN, Trustee.
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NOTICE.

A special meeting of the Roanoke Commercial Club will be held in the club rooms in the Exchange building, second floor, on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9th, at 8 o'clock p. m., at which meeting amendments to the charter and by-laws will be presented for adoption and business of a general character and importance transacted. All members are requested to be present in person or proxy. It is important that full attendance be had in support of the club's prosperity.

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